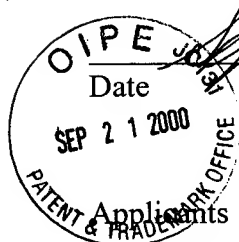


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 18, 2000, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on September 18, 2000. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect Group VII, claims 32, 33, 43 and 44, drawn to a hybridization based detection method, and the species of SEQ ID NO:55, 56, 59-65 and 67, for examination at this time.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Kindly amend the subject patent application as follows.